

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: MAKINO, Yoshinobu
Appl. No.: New Group:
Filed: January 11, 2001 Examiner:
For: OUTPUT SERVICE SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4: Lines 2 to 3, change "any one of Claims 1 to 3" to
--Claim 1--

Claim 5: Lines 2 to 3, change "any one of Claims 1 to 3" to
--Claim 1--

REMARKS

The amendment to the claims is merely to delete multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for

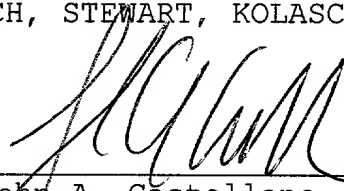
examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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